

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace the abstract of the disclosure with the following rewritten paragraph:

a1 --The present invention provides a composition for forming a compressed solid dosage form that is a free-flowing compressible admixture of simethicone, an adsorbent, and an optional active agent, wherein the weight ratio of simethicone to adsorbent is at least 1:2.22, or 0.45. Also included are solid dosage forms made from a free-flowing compressible admixture of simethicone, an adsorbent, and an optional active agent, wherein the weight ratio of simethicone to adsorbent is at least 1:2.22, or 0.45.--

Please replace the summary of the invention with the following rewritten paragraph:

a2 --The present invention provides a composition for forming a compressed solid dosage form that is a free-flowing compressible admixture of simethicone, an adsorbent, and an optional active agent, wherein the weight ratio of simethicone to adsorbent is at least about 1:2.22, or 0.45. Also included are solid dosage forms made from a free-flowing compressible admixture of simethicone, an adsorbent, and an optional active agent, wherein the weight ratio of simethicone to adsorbent is at least about 1:2.22, or 0.45.--

Please replace paragraph 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

a3 --Examples of suitable active agents include stimulant laxatives, such as bisacodyl, cascara sagrada, danthron, senna, phenolphthalein, aloe, castor oil, ricinoleic acid,, and dehydrocholic acid, and mixtures thereof; antisecretory; H2 receptor antagonists, such as famotidine, which is commercially available from McNeil-PPC, Inc. under the PEPCID brand; proton pump inhibitors; gastrointestinal cytoprotectives, such as sucralfate and misoprostol; gastrointestinal prokinetics, such as Prucalopride, antibiotics for *H. pylori*, such as clarithromycin, amoxicillin, tetracycline, and metronidazole; antidiarrheals, such as diphenoxylate and loperamide, which is commercially available from McNeil-PPC, Inc. under the IMMODIUM brand; glycopyrrolate, such as Robinul; antiemetics, such as Ondansetron, analgesics, such as

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mesalamine, commercially available under the ASACOL brand, aspirin, and salicylic acid; and mixtures thereof.--

2 Please replace paragraph 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--In one embodiment, the additional active agent may be selected from bisacodyl, famotidine, prucalopride, diphenoxylate, loperamide, lactase, mesalamine, bismuth, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, isomers, and mixtures thereof.--

2 Please replace paragraph 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--As used herein, the term "adsorbent" means a solid material or combination of solid materials that is capable of adsorbing and carrying an oily or fluid material, such as simethicone, while retaining sufficient flowability to assure content uniformity and sufficient compactability to be processed into tablets using direct compression methods.

2 Please replace paragraph 32 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The weight ratio of simethicone to total adsorbent (e.g. magnesium aluminometasilicate and silicified microcrystalline cellulose) is at least about 0.45, or 1:2.22, for example at least about 0.50, or 1:2.00, or at least about 0.56, or 1:1.80. In one embodiment, the weight ratio of simethicone to total adsorbent is at least about 1 part simethicone to 1.75 parts adsorbent, or about 0.57.--

IN THE CLAIMS

2 Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claim 15, without prejudice.

2 Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A composition for forming a compressed solid dosage form comprising a free-flowing compressible admixture of simethicone and an adsorbent, wherein the weight ratio of simethicone to adsorbent is at least about 0.45.

2 Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) A composition of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of simethicone to adsorbent is at least about 0.50.

2 Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A composition of claim 1, wherein the adsorbent comprises a combination of silicified microcrystalline cellulose and magnesium aluminometasilicate.

2 Please amend claim 5 as follows: